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### LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN AWARDS 2<sup>ND</sup> PRECINCT 'STOP DWI - TOP COP'

*Officer Joshua Parsons honored for work to keep drunken drivers off the road as '100 Deadliest Days' approaches*



*Pictured L-R: Second Precinct Inspector Edward Brady, Top Cop Joshua Parsons and Legislator Steve Stern*

**HUNTINGTON, NY** –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16<sup>th</sup> L.D. presented a Proclamation to Second Precinct “Stop DWI - Top Cop” Joshua Parsons for leading the Precinct in arrests of those driving while intoxicated (DWI) at a Pre-Prom meeting at Half Hollow Hills High School West Thursday night.

Officer Parsons has served with the Suffolk County Police Department for five years and within that short time, has earned numerous achievements and awards including the 2014 Meritorious Police Service Award for

lifesaving, the 2014 Excellent Police Duty Award for DWI enforcement, the 2014 MADD Recognition of Excellence Award and the 2014 William J. Lindsay Exemplary Service Award.

Legislator Stern spoke to students and parents during the mandatory Pre-Prom meeting about the dangers of drinking and driving and emphasized the importance of being safe on the roads as Memorial Day marks the start of the [“100 Deadliest Days.”](#) in which DWI incidents and fatalities involving young people peaks from Memorial Day until Labor Day. For this reason, Suffolk County enacted the “Social Host Law” to help mitigate underage drinking by holding adults responsible for knowingly allowing minors to consume alcohol at parties and other social gatherings held at their homes.

Legislator Stern created and served as Chairman of the Underage Drinking Task Force to address the critical issue of educating young people and their families about the dangers of underage drinking and to help reduce the epidemic of alcohol related accidents that occur far too frequently in our community. “It is my hope that through education and through measures such as the “Social Host Law” we can help reduce the incidence of underage drinking and prevent many of the tragic accidents that injure and claim the lives of too many young people and those with whom they share the road,” he said.

“As students celebrate Prom and Graduation, it is important to make summer a time to celebrate, not mourn the loss of a loved one,” Legislator Stern said. “I am very proud to honor Suffolk County Police Officer Joshua Parsons on receiving the ‘STOP-DWI Top Cop Award.’ His leadership and dedication to duty has saved countless lives by removing drunk drivers from our roads and he has earned our thanks and gratitude.”

**[Click here for an important message from Legislator Steve Stern and MADD about drinking and driving.](#)**